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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS REGISTERED A SLIGHT DECLINE DURING SEPTEMBER AFTER THE STRONG INCREASES RECORDED IN RECENT MONTHS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

CONSISTENT WITH THIS, ALL BROADER DEFINITIONS OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY FELL DURING THE MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES, ON THE OTHER HAND, RECORDED AN INCREASE DURING SEPTEMBER.

DEPOSITS

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, DECLINED SLIGHTLY BY 0.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OF 2.4 PER CENT AND 3.2 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND DEPOSITS ROSE BY 0.3 PER CENT WHILE SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.1 PER CENT AND 0.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 18.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 3.5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 0.3 PER CENT AND 3.6 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY.

AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, US DOLLAR AND NON-US DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT AND 5.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 31.6 PER CENT.

DURING SEPTEMBER, DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH LICENSED BANKS ROSE BY 1.7 PER CENT WHILE THOSE WITH RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 4.9 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY 26.2 PER CENT. DEPOSITS WITH RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS ROSE BY 61 PER CENT WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 12.2 PER CENT.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISONS ON DEPOSITS WITH THE LATTER TWO CATEGORIES WERE PARTLY AFFECTED BY THE UPGRADING OF FOUR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO THE STATUS OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS.

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## MONEY SUPPLY

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HK\$M1 ROSE BY 1.1 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN AUGUST WERE 1.8 PER CENT, 3.3 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER, THESE MONETARY AGGREGATES ROSE BY 2.5 PER CENT, 18.9 PER CENT AND 17.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 ROSE BY 3.7 PER CENT, 1.6 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN AUGUST WERE 2.7 PER CENT, 3.2 PER CENT AND 3.3 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 8.6 PER CENT, 25.2 PER CENT AND 24.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

## LOANS AND ADVANCES

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 0.7 PER CENT AND 6.7 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT DURING SEPTEMBER, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES ROSE BY 6.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 0.5 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 9 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 0.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 0.6 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 17.4 PER CENT.

LARGELY REFLECTING THE INCREASE IN EURO-YEN LOANS, LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG ROSE BY 8.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 0.6 PER CENT AND 13.1 PER CENT IN JULY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 61.3 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG FELL BY 6.1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER A DECLINE OF 5.1 PER CENT IN JULY AND AN INCREASE OF 14.9 PER CENT IN AUGUST. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS DECREASED BY 5.9 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR  
USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

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IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1990, TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT. OF THESE, LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.9 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 5 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT.

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LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 5.3 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASES OF 8 PER CENT AND 5.9 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING TWO QUARTERS RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 33.2 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASES OF 4.3 PER CENT AND 6.6 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 12.6 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS) ROSE BY 5.5 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 6.3 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 32.1 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 3.9 PER CENT AND 2.8 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT.

#### NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

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THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY ONE TO 165 WHILE THAT OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS REMAINED AT 39 AND THAT OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY ONE TO 193.

#### NOTES :

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- (1) BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1990, 'RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS' AND 'DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' WERE KNOWN AS 'LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' AND 'REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' RESPECTIVELY.
- (2) IN THE TEXT ABOVE, TOTAL HK\$ DEPOSITS, HK\$ TIME DEPOSITS, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS. TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS AND US\$ DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS.

'SWAP DEPOSITS' ARE DEPOSITS INVOLVING CUSTOMERS BUYING FOREIGN CURRENCIES (MOSTLY US DOLLARS) IN THE SPOT MARKET AND PLACING THEM AS DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORIZED INSTITUTIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL SUCH FOREIGN CURRENCIES (PRINCIPAL PLUS INTEREST) FORWARD IN LINE WITH THE MATURITY OF SUCH DEPOSITS. FOR MOST ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, THEY SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - SEPTEMBER 1990

(HK\$mn)

Money Supply	Sep 1990	Earlier months (% change to September 1990)		
		Aug 1990	Jun 1990	Sep 1989
<b>M1 - HK\$</b>	87,520	86,527 ( 1.1 %)	84,270 ( 3.9 %)	85,383 ( 2.5 %)
Foreign currency	14,922	12,257 ( 21.7 %)	11,606 ( 28.6 %)	8,989 ( 66.0 %)
Total	102,442	98,784 ( 3.7 %)	95,876 ( 6.8 %)	94,372 ( 8.6 %)
<b>M2 - HK\$*</b>	533,720	535,082 ( -0.3 %)	505,826 ( 5.5 %)	449,009 ( 18.9 %)
Foreign currency*	622,579	602,630 ( 3.3 %)	579,651 ( 7.4 %)	474,763 ( 31.1 %)
Total	1,156,299	1,137,711 ( 1.6 %)	1,085,476 ( 6.5 %)	923,772 ( 25.2 %)
<b>M3 - HK\$*</b>	565,657	566,928 ( -0.2 %)	537,659 ( 5.2 %)	481,225 ( 17.5 %)
Foreign currency*	669,962	647,518 ( 3.5 %)	623,214 ( 7.5 %)	510,364 ( 31.3 %)
Total	1,235,619	1,214,447 ( 1.7 %)	1,160,873 ( 6.4 %)	991,588 ( 24.6 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	40,394	40,064 ( 0.8 %)	38,795 ( 4.1 %)	36,668 ( 10.2 %)
of which held by public	35,341	34,480 ( 2.5 %)	33,611 ( 5.1 %)	32,271 ( 9.5 %)
<b>Total Deposits</b>				
Total Demand deposits	67,101	64,304 ( 4.3 %)	62,265 ( 7.8 %)	62,101 ( 8.1 %)
Total Savings deposits	227,356	223,200 ( 1.9 %)	202,891 ( 12.1 %)	175,364 ( 29.6 %)
Total Time deposits with licensed banks	808,955	797,236 ( 1.5 %)	768,677 ( 5.2 %)	637,212 ( 27.0 %)
Total Time deposits with restricted licence banks	44,069	42,009 ( 4.9 %)	39,165 ( 12.5 %)	27,367 ( 61.0 %)
Total Time deposits with deposit-taking companies	33,716	33,205 ( 1.5 %)	34,787 ( -3.1 %)	38,403 ( -12.2 %)
HK\$ deposits*	517,620	518,864 ( -0.2 %)	490,830 ( 5.5 %)	436,360 ( 18.6 %)
US\$ deposits*	293,659	289,995 ( 1.3 %)	273,660 ( 7.3 %)	238,603 ( 23.1 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	369,918	351,096 ( 5.4 %)	343,295 ( 7.8 %)	265,483 ( 39.3 %)
All deposits	1,181,196	1,159,954 ( 1.8 %)	1,107,785 ( 6.6 %)	940,446 ( 25.6 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	71,348	70,088 ( 1.8 %)	68,094 ( 4.8 %)	61,982 ( 15.1 %)
<b>Total Loans and advances</b>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	70,202	67,518 ( 4.0 %)	66,579 ( 5.4 %)	64,423 ( 9.0 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	9,430	10,046 ( -6.1 %)	9,211 ( 2.4 %)	10,023 ( -5.9 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	659,287	658,325 ( 0.1 %)	644,466 ( 2.3 %)	561,481 ( 17.4 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	812,589	750,445 ( 8.3 %)	659,989 ( 23.1 %)	503,896 ( 61.3 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	109,899	110,852 ( -0.9 %)	105,090 ( 4.6 %)	90,043 ( 22.1 %)
Loans in HK\$	582,576	580,108 ( 0.4 %)	575,346 ( 1.3 %)	507,120 ( 14.9 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	1,078,831	1,017,078 ( 6.1 %)	909,988 ( 18.6 %)	722,744 ( 49.3 %)
Total loans and advances	1,661,407	1,597,186 ( 4.0 %)	1,485,335 ( 11.9 %)	1,229,865 ( 35.1 %)

\* Adjusted for foreign currency swap deposits

Note : 'Restricted licence banks' and 'deposit-taking companies' were known as 'licensed deposit-taking companies' and 'registered deposit-taking companies' respectively before 1 February 1990.

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - SEPTEMBER 1990 # +

	(HK\$mn)			
	Sep 1990	Earlier quarters (% change to September 1990)		
	-----	Jun 1990	Mar 1990	Sep 1989
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Manufacturing	49,287	49,429 ( -0.3 %)	48,062 ( 2.5 %)	47,618 ( 3.5 %)
Transport and transport equipment	38,971	37,658 ( 3.5 %)	37,149 ( 4.9 %)	33,435 ( 16.6 %)
Building, construction, property development and investment	105,088	102,145 ( 2.9 %)	101,149 ( 3.9 %)	96,772 ( 8.6 %)
Wholesale and retail trade	70,629	69,663 ( 1.4 %)	65,358 ( 8.1 %)	62,729 ( 12.6 %)
Financial concerns *	98,988	93,849 ( 5.5 %)	90,507 ( 9.4 %)	74,919 ( 32.1 %)
Individuals:				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	13,899	13,883 ( 0.1 %)	12,660 ( 9.8 %)	9,880 ( 40.7 %)
to purchase other residential property	119,858	113,773 ( 5.3 %)	107,406 ( 11.6 %)	89,957 ( 33.2 %)
other purposes	60,599	58,843 ( 3.0 %)	56,828 ( 6.6 %)	52,756 ( 14.9 %)
Others	101,968	105,222 ( -3.1 %)	99,428 ( 2.6 %)	93,414 ( 9.2 %)
Total	659,287	644,466 ( 2.3 %)	618,547 ( 6.6 %)	561,481 ( 17.4 %)

# Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They are published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ In December 1988, the return for reporting loans for use by sector was revised. As a result of this, some authorized institutions have now more properly classified their loans according to intended usage rather than the business of the loan recipients.

\* This excludes funds advanced to authorized institutions

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GOVERNOR VISITS CONSUMER COUNCIL

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THE CONSUMER COMPLAINTS SERVICE IS ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE SERVICES OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL. IT AIMS AT RESOLVING COMPLAINTS AND MONITORING FOR UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON WAS TOLD TODAY (MONDAY).

DURING A VISIT TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE COUNCIL'S WORK AND FUNCTIONS BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR MARTIN LEE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED ABOUT 9,000 COMPLAINTS A YEAR.

IN THE PAST 16 YEARS, THE COUNCIL HAD PUBLICISED THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 50 SHOPS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN USING SHARP BUSINESS PRACTICES, A MEASURE WHICH HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE IN DISCOURAGING THEM.

THE COUNCIL'S ADVICE SERVICE RECEIVED 10,000 ENQUIRIES IN 1976, ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION.

IT RECEIVED ALMOST 100,000 ENQUIRIES LAST YEAR, A 10-FOLD INCREASE WHICH DEMONSTRATED THE VALUE OF THE SERVICE TO HONG KONG PEOPLE.

THE COUNCIL ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EXPENSE TO TESTING CONSUMER PRODUCTS TO PROVIDE UNBIASED INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS, THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD.

MR MARTIN LEE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE WOULD BE TO CONTINUE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH FOR UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES, TAKING PROMPT ACTION AGAINST THEM WHENEVER REQUIRED AND REMINDING CONSUMERS ABOUT THE PITFALLS IN THE MARKET PLACE.

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SAVE WATER CAMPAIGN TO HIGHLIGHT LEAKAGE DETECTION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO LAUNCH A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN EARLY NEXT YEAR HIGHLIGHTING LEAKAGE DETECTION IN PLUMBING INSTALLATION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ON-GOING PUBLIC APPEAL TO SAVE WATER.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ONE OF THE EXERCISES LAUNCHED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO REMIND THE CONSUMERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI SAID. THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

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SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR WONG SAID IN THE CASE OF ABNORMALLY HIGH CONSUMPTIONS, ONE MOST COMMON BUT NOT CONSPICUOUS CAUSE IS UNDERGROUND OR CONCEALED LEAKAGE IN THE PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS.

"SUCH LEAKAGE, IF NOT PROMPTLY DETECTED AND RECTIFIED, WILL CONTINUE TO WASTE WATER AND WILL QUICKLY WORSEN, LEADING TO MUCH HIGHER WATER CHARGES IN THE SUBSEQUENT WATER BILLS OF THE CONSUMER CONCERNED," MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG SAID COMPASSIONATE CONSIDERATIONS WERE GIVEN TO LEAKAGE CASES WHERE THE LEAKS WERE CONCEALED AND PROMPT REPAIRS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

FOR THE YEAR 1989-90, 410 LEAKAGE CASES MAINLY CONCERNING DOMESTIC CONSUMERS, INVOLVING 717,000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER AND TOTAL WATER CHARGES OF \$2.8 MILLION WERE GIVEN SUCH CONSIDERATIONS.

"IN DEALING WITH HIGH WATER BILLS, ONE COMMON MISCONCEPTION OF THE CONSUMERS IS THAT THE HIGH CONSUMPTION IS DUE TO A DEFECTIVE METER REGISTERING A WRONG CONSUMPTION," HE SAID.

COPIES OF A LEAFLET ADVISING CONSUMERS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH A HIGH WATER BILL IS AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRES IN NINE DISTRICTS AND AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN WANCHAI TOWER II.

ON THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT, MR WONG SAID THEY WERE ENGINEERING RELATED, INCLUDING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; CONSTRUCTION OF WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS LIKE RESERVOIRS, AQUEDUCTS, PUMPING STATIONS AND SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS; AND THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THESE SYSTEMS IN THE PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO THE CONSUMERS.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAD BEEN SPENT IN CONSTRUCTING THESE SYSTEMS, THE LARGER ONES INCLUDING HIGH ISLAND AND PLOVER COVE RESERVOIRS, AND THE RECEPTION AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS OF THE CHINA WATER SUPPLY, HE SAID.

THESE ENGINEERING WORKS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE AND WHOLESOME WATER SUPPLY TO THE PUBLIC.

ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WATER BILLING SYSTEM, HE SAID, ABOUT 600 OUT OF 5,500 STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT WERE ENGAGED IN THE FUNCTION OF WATER BILLING.

THESE ARE MAINLY CLERICAL AND ACCOUNTING STAFF WHOSE PRINCIPAL TASKS ARE WATER-METER READING, PROCESSING AND ISSUE OF WATER BILLS, ENQUIRIES AND COLLECTION SERVICE, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ARISING FROM WATER BILLS AND CHASING OF ARREARS.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE BILLING SYSTEM HOLDS 1.8 MILLION CONSUMER ACCOUNTS AND ISSUES ABOUT 5.2 MILLION WATER BILLS A YEAR INVOLVING WATER CHARGES TOTTALLING \$1,700 MILLION.

THE SYSTEM WAS FIRST IMPLEMENTED IN 1977 WHEN THE NUMBER OF CONSUMERS WAS ONLY 800,000 AND THE ANNUAL WATER CHARGES WAS \$200 MILLION.

LEGCO MEMBERS TO DEBATE ON WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF FOUR QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

OF THE SIX BILLS, FOUR WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990; THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990; THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990; AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THE OTHER BILLS ARE FOR SECOND READING BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (REGISTRATION) BILL 1990 AND IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

ALSO, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF DENSITY OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON) ORDINANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE HON HUI YIN-FAT WILL MOVE A MOTION ON: "THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND, AND CALLS ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT."

ALSO, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG WILL SPEAK ON THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1989-90.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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SPECIAL CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN MA SHI CHAU

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A SPECIAL CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 7) ON THE ISLAND OF MA SHI CHAU, TAI PO.

THE OPERATION WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE BRITISH FORCES.

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MA SHI CHAU HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST WITH RARE GEOLOGICAL FEATURES SINCE 1982. UNFORTUNATELY, ITS COASTAL AREA HAS BEEN SPOILT OVER THE YEARS BY FLOATING REFUSE WASHED ASHORE.

TAKING PART IN THE OPERATION WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, FISHERMEN AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS.

A LANDING CRAFT PROVIDED BY THE BRITISH FORCES WILL FERRY THE PARTY FROM TAI PO KAU TO MA SHI CHAU, WHICH IS INACCESSIBLE BY ROAD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER OPERATION IN MA SHI CHAU, TAI PO ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

A VAN (NO. RC828) WILL PICK UP REPORTERS AT MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI (BEHIND PENINSULA HOTEL) AND LEAVE FOR TAI PO KAU AT 8.15 AM SHARP. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR RESIDENTS  
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A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AS WELL AS LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WILL SPEAK IN THE SEMINAR ON TOPICS INCLUDING THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF LIFTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS, FIRE PREVENTION AND HOME SAFETY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT, AND BUILDING INSURANCE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE OPEN DISCUSSIONS.

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DETAILS OF THE SEMINAR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37 TONKIN STREET AND ITS FOUR SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 720 4251 EXTENSION 271 OR 729 4828.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, GRAND TOWER HOTEL, MONG KOK.

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EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO INTRODUCE ITS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE SET UP ALONG THE WALKWAY OF JARDINE HOUSE, CENTRAL, WILL FEATURE GRAPHIC DISPLAYS AND ILLUSTRATIONS ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (HEES).

IT WILL BE OPEN DAILY TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY AND FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM ON THURSDAY.

DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

THE HEES PROVIDES FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO LOCAL EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR STAFF WITH TERTIARY OR RECOGNISED PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AS WELL AS TO JOB-SEEKERS WITH THESE QUALIFICATIONS.

IT ALSO ORGANISES CAREER SEMINARS AND ADVISES JOB-SEEKERS ON THE PREVAILING MARKET SITUATION AND JOB-HUNTING SKILLS.

LOCAL GRADUATES AND HONG KONG STUDENTS OVERSEAS WHO WISH TO RETURN AND WORK IN THE TERRITORY MAY REGISTER WITH THE HEES FOR EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

THE HEES ALSO ISSUES A MONTHLY PUBLICATION "PRIME JOBS IN HONG KONG" TO SOME 630 OVERSEAS TERTIARY INSTITUTES AND STUDENT BODIES FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS ABROAD.

ANOTHER MONTHLY PUBLICATION "CANDIDATE PROFILE" CONTAINING PARTICULARS OF SELECTED JOB-SEEKERS IS ALSO PRINTED FOR SOME 1,000 LOCAL EMPLOYERS.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEES ON SIXTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR BY TELEPHONING 852 3232 OR 852 3233.

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EARLY SUBMISSION FOR FIGHT-DRUG PHOTO CONTEST REMINDED

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PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 'TO CREATE A BRIGHT TOMORROW' PHOTO COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS ARE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES BEFORE NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

THE COMPETITION CONSISTS OF TWO DIVISIONS: STUDENT DIVISION FOR STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 21 AND OPEN DIVISION FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE.

INTERESTED ENTRANTS CAN EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY TOWARDS A BRIGHT DRUG-FREE FUTURE ON A COLOUR PRINT OF 3R SIZE. THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CREATIVE THINKING, THEY CAN ACQUIRE THE POSITIVE MEANING OF LIFE AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED A CAMERA AND 25 ROLLS OF FILM CONTRIBUTED BY THE SPONSOR, KONICA HONG KONG LIMITED. FILMS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE 10 MERIT WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION.

ENTRY FORMS AND PROSPECTUS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES; KONICA HONG KONG LTD AT ROOM 1818, SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; KONICA AGENTS AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OR BE PUT INTO THE KONICA COLLECTION BOXES AT 13 MAJOR MTR STATIONS BEFORE THE MONDAY DEADLINE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 867 2766.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR HEADING WORKS IN HK SOUTH

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE DEEP WATER BAY AND SHEK O HEADING WORKS.

THE WORKS, WHICH FORM PART OF THE SHEK O AND REPULSE BAY SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME, ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH.

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR SHOUSON HILL, DEEP WATER BAY, REPULSE BAY, MIDDLE BAY, SOUTH BAY, CHUNG HOM KOK, MA HANG, SHEK O AND ROCKY BAY AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

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THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-METRE-DIAMETER TUNNEL ALONG WONG CHUK HANG ROAD FROM DEEP WATER BAY TO THE JUNCTION OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND SHOUSON HILL AND A THREE-METRE-DIAMETER TUNNEL AT TAI TAU CHAU.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE LAYING OF A PUMPING MAIN BY TRENCHLESE TECHNOLOGY UNDERNEATH THE SLIP ROAD TO ABERDEEN TUNNEL IN FRONT OF HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING AND THE DRILLING OF THREE SUBMARINE OUTFALLS IN ROCK AT TAI TAU CHAU.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE 11 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 30.

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#### WATER SUSPENSION IN TWO DISTRICTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME KWUN TONG AND SHAM SHUI PO PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN KWUN TONG, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT BLOCKS 1-17, SAU MAU PING ESTATE WHILE IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY PO ON ROAD, CHEUNG FAT STREET, KWONG LEE ROAD AND TONKIN STREET.

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